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SUBJECT: GOES Applauds USG Aid to Haiti

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[¶1.](#) On January 27, PolOff delivered reftel A demarche to the MFA's Officer for UN Issues, Egriselda Gonzalez. Gonzalez expressed the GOES's appreciation for the USG's support to the earthquake recovery in Haiti and noted that GOES post-quake aid to Haiti has included 23 rescue, police and aid workers and a small shipment of food, water and blankets. According to Gonzalez, the French-Salvadoran UN official Gerardo Le Chevalier, who was reportedly inside the UN building when it collapsed, remains missing. All 29 of the other Salvadorans known to be in Haiti at the time of the quake have been accounted for. Separately, National Civilian Police (PNC) Director Carlos Ascencio told the Charge on January 25 that he was proud of the performance of the PNC contingent in Haiti, and on January 27, President Funes honored the firemen that deployed to Haiti.

[¶2.](#) Comment: This positive reaction U.S. relief efforts in Haiti echoes similar remarks by the Foreign Minister on January 25 and will help counteract the anti-American conspiracy theories peddled by FMLN hardliners at a public event on January 23 (see reftel B).
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